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Applicant: Hartselle, et al. Examiner:
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Filed: January 9, 2002 Docket No.: 60027.0093US01/BS# 01402
Title: Method, System, and Apparatus For Providing Self-Destructing Electronic Mail Messages

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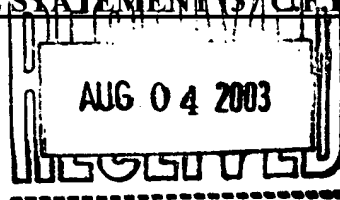
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed July 16, 2003.

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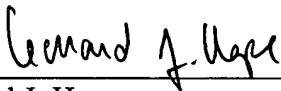
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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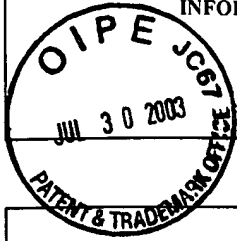


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